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1. [redacted] during World War II, the German Navy constructed a submarine base on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast, in the vicinity of Monastir Aladzha (Mh3-17, E28-02), 13-14 kilometers northeast of Stalin. This base was allegedly enlarged in 1951, under the direction of Soviet technicians and engineers. Today, the base is reportedly to become part of the system of Soviet submarine bases¹. 25X1
2. Construction of a submarine base on the north bank of Lake Devnya, west of Stalin, is continuing under the direction of Soviet technicians. A narrow-gauge railway line is to connect this base with the Port of Stalin. Upon the completion of this base, it will be placed at the disposal of the USSR.
3. Between 5-7 April 1955, no Bulgarian naval units (not even the motor-torpedo boats or patrol boats usually based at this port) were observed at Burgas. It was reported that the entire Bulgarian fleet had gathered in Stalin and were holding maneuvers.
4. On 5 April 1955, the port of Michurin was observed and appeared to be empty. A large building is being constructed northwest of Michurin and is reported housing a power station.
5. The only ships under construction at Stalin, in early April 1955, were fishing boats and auxiliary-motor boats. The motors are manufactured in Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

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